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Rose City Roots Rocks Camrose Music Scene

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John Jones, Alan Prosser, and Dil Davies of Oysterband were at the Bailey Theatre on October 12. (Photo: Volker Neumann)

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A few weekends ago I had the pleasure of seeing Oysterband perform at the Bailey Theatre through Camrose's became one of my favorites, premier music organization, due to the sonorous accordion riff and powerful drumming.

At first I was weary of the somewhat older crowd that of the evening was when made up the audience, but Oysterband did what I thought once the band got on stage was an exceptional cover of and started their first song Great Big Sea's "When I'm Walking Down the Road with Up". This catchy tune has quite feel, the energy in the room skyrocketed and I found myself enjoying anything but a boring evening in Camrose.

Oysterband is described as an English electric folk and folk rock band, although their website lists themselves as "influenced by all manners of music, culture and style". I certainly noticed a number of different manners of music, as the band brought out both a harmonica and accordion, in addition to their five man set up consisting of guitar, bass, drums, cello and lead vocalist.

Front man John Jones performed not only as a musician, but also as a stand up comedian, as he cracked a few jokes and even got the audience participating in clapping and singing along with the band. Their politically charged lyrics contrasted skillfully with the rampant energy they had on stage, and Jones said it best when he spoke to the audience of the band's "seriously depressing music set to happy tunes".

Not all of the songs were relentlessly upbeat, and when

they did slow it down it, it proved to be just as enjoyable.

"Bury Me Standing" quickly became one of my favorites, due to the sonorous accordion riff and powerful drumming. The most surprising part of the evening was when some time, and I was shocked to find out that it was actually originally written by Oyster-

band, and covered by Great Big Sea. Everyone in the audience knew the words well and joined in, and I left with a greater appreciation for the music, culture and style. I was also lucky enough to

score an interview with Geraint Osborne, the coordinator for Rose City Roots Music Society, and I got to learn a lot about the organization, which seeks to enrich the musical scene right here in our town. RCR was started in 2006/2007 and brings talented up-and-coming musicians to play.

Camrose in order to attract a variety of audiences. As the many positive roots society, RCR not only tries to bring folk music to different venues in town, but, as Osborne points out, various types of music because "roots can encompass a broad range of styles—blues and old school rock, as well as folk music".

RCR also hosts alternative bands in order to attract the type of crowd

bore neglects—in the upcoming month, the Pack A.D. will "turned to me and said 'this is a social good'". By bringing with very affordable prices on people together and attracting tickets for students (it's only ten bucks, guys, come on).

Speaking of Big Valley wise, Rose City Roots is easily Jamboree, if country music is one of the finest things Cam just not your thing, Rose City rose has to offer. As a non-Roots is also working with students in CSL placements in the preliminary stages of a three day music festival set to take place in May, which will set up a number of bands at different downtown venues, including Scalliwags, the Windsor, the Alice, the Players Club and the Bailey Theatre.

Students, I urge you to do something different on a weekend here in Camrose—take advantage of Rose City Roots, and see what they have to offer before continuing on with your usual jaunt to the bar (which doesn't get good until past midnight anyway); it will be well worth it.



The U.S. Elections Jennifer Ha DAG WRITER

Although it's easy to dismiss the United States of America as the country of Kardashians and Big Macs, the truth of the matter is that the country is a huge influence on the world politically and economically, not to mention our next door neighbours, and they're in the middle of electing their next president. The outcome of this election matters—health care, the economy, and the military are some of the hot topics of American politics right now—but all we seem to hear about involves airplane windows, epic rap battles, and perplexingly enough, Big Bird. Need a guide to help you become a responsible global citizen and gather some sense of the American elections? Look no further. The Dagligate is here to help you learn about the two candidates, what they promise, and what the outcome can mean for our own nation.

Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and the Democrats

As the current president in office, Barack Obama is running for a second term as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate. Previous to his presidency, the Harvard law school graduate held a career in civil law and teaching at universities, and entered politics as a senator for the state of Illinois in 1996. He went on to become a "loyally Democratic" member of the United States Senate, until his election for president in 2008. His vice president Joe Biden also comes from a background of law, his area being public interest. In the four years they've been in office the major accomplishments of the Obama administration include the discovery and killing of Osama bin Laden, passing of the federal health care law, ending of the war in Iraq, the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and various economic actions to prevent unemployment, manage the national debt, and get the States out of their economic slump.

For the 2012 Election, the Democratic Platform promises to "Move America Forward". They have four main focuses: "Rebuilding Middle Class Security", "America

Works when Everybody Plays by the Same Rules", "Greater Together", and "Stronger in the World, Safer and More Secure at Home". If President Obama serves another term, he promises to commit to a long-lasting economy by investing into local jobs, American companies, and sustainable energy. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, where every person is required by law to have insurance for an equalized fee no matter what their pre-existing conditions are, is a huge part of what the Democratic Party is promising for the middle class. The Democrats promise to rebuild middle class security with the pulling through of the American Jobs Act, which includes payroll tax relief, tax credits, and enhanced unemployment insurance. They want to stabilize the housing market and reform student loan and education for the middle class. Democrats also aim to reform laws regarding fair taxation (The Obama administration proposed the Buffett Rule and showed open support for the Occupy movement) and lobbying, and strive for economic equality for citizens.

Beyond economics, the Democrats also push for many social issues, which is mostly what we hear about in the news. Women's right to reproductive choice is supported by the Democratic Party, who promises to maintain Roe v. Wade. Obamacare includes the coverage of birth control for women, although previously many insurance companies didn't. Marriage equality for LGBT people is supported by the party as a whole, and the President made history as the first sitting president to voice support for gay marriage. The Democrats' viewpoints on social issues mirror those held in Canada more than the Republican Party's. Outside of their borders, the Democratic Party outlines a plan to end the war in Afghanistan by 2012 and dismantle Al-Qaeda. They promise to prevent dangerous nuclear activity internationally by downsizing America's stockpiles of nuclear weapons, sanctioning against

Iran, and participating global treaties. With Obama as president, the American financial support for Israel will be continued but the United States will try to act as a mediator for the Palestine-Israel conflict.

Celebrity supporters for Barack Obama and his party include Scarlett Johansson, Beyoncé and Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, Neil Patrick Harris, and Ellen DeGeneres.

Mitt Romney, Paul Ryan, and The Republicans

The Republican Party, also referred to as the Grand Old Party (GOP), nominated former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney as their presidential candidate. Mitt Romney, born Willard Romney, comes from a background of business rather than law, but holds a Juris Doctor on top of his Harvard business degree. Romney's father was a prominent politician, also for the Republican party, and Mitt followed in his footsteps by running for the U.S. Senate in 1994 and went on to become the governor of the state of Massachusetts. Romney's running mate Paul Ryan's entire career is based on politics as he began his first political internship soon after graduating. He is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for the state of Wisconsin. The GOP's slogan is "We Believe in America" and they

show that belief with several promises of their own. Their promises are organized under the headings of "Restoring the American Dream: Rebuilding the Economy and Creating Jobs", "We The People: A Restoration of Constitutional Government", "America's Natural Resources: Energy, Agriculture and the Environment", "Reforming Government to Serve the People", "Renewing American Values to Build Healthy Families, Great Schools and Safe Neighborhoods", and "American Exceptionalism".

Because of America's two-party system, in many cases, the Republican Party's views are quite the opposite of the Democratic Party's. Because the Obama administration is the one currently in office, much of the GOP's platform is dedicated to reversing the current administration's actions. For example, the Republican Party adamantly opposes the idea of ObamaCare. They claim it is destructive to the American constitution because legally forcing everybody to be insured takes away the liberty for Americans to choose. The GOP wants to emphasize personal responsibility and depend more on privatized companies and their decisions on eligibility. Lifestyle choices



Cartoon credit: Steve Sack of Star Tribune

that are unhealthy will be in Afghanistan by 2014, no specifically to those who want to be cific details have been re-ensured [ObamaCare insures leasd].

The GOP is adamant about conserving tradition when it comes to social values. Mitt Romney was quoted as saying he would be "delighted" to overturn Roe v. Wade, which was a landmark decision involving abortion. Paul Ryan has also supported the criminalization of abortion and even in vitro fertilization, believing in traditional means of pregnancy and parenthood. The GOP wants to "preserve the sanctity of traditional marriage" and opposes gay marriage and adoptions. There have been talk of some Republicans, namely Rick Santorum, of criminalizing pornography.

The Republicans believe that the way to stimulate the economy is retention of individual wealth, aided by an extension of what's commonly called the Bush tax cuts, which prevent tax rates from increasing based on income. They believe differing tax rates would increase class warfare. Their platform reiterates goals of balancing the budget and preventing what they call "out-of-control spending", which includes starting new programs like federal health care. The GOP promises to make every federal activity go through a tripartite test: Is it within the constitutional scope of the federal government? Is it effective and absolutely necessary? Is it sufficiently important to justify borrowing, to fund it? The GOP has grand promises for the middle class as well. Instead of tax cuts, there will be options of privatization on personal control of capital. They promise that they will promote international trade that will also encourage jobs and prosperity within its own borders.

As far as international affairs go, the Republican platform states that the party recognizes that terrorism is the greatest fear they face. While the Democrats say they will downsize their stockpile [of nuclear arms], the Republicans promise to modernize their current holdings. A Republican United States will aim to take down Iran's nuclear technology as it is viewed as a huge threat to national security. They will seek to regain leadership in international organizations as well and neutralize the Palestine-Israel conflict. Although Romney and Ryan both mention a plan for ending the war



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The F Word: Feminism, and Why I am One Jennifer Ha DAG WRITER

Take it from me – feminism is hard work. Not only do feminists have to fight under-representation, the pay gap, and objectification, we also face relentless inquisition. What is feminism? Why are they're better than men?" That's not the case at all; the very basic of feminism is set on equality and rarely does it ever go beyond that.

Gender equality issues are not front-page headlines that invoke riots. They're the bits of society that we've accepted as the norm, like male dominance in the workforce and objectifying jokes on prime time television. There were waves of feminism that fought for suffrage and liberation, but those were mere battles in the war for equal rights. Feminism is still as relevant as ever in today's world. Recently, Fortune Magazine's annual Fortune 500 list that ranks the most powerful companies in the United States, (subsequently, the world, us quote British writer Rebecca ally) celebrated a record of Worldwide, women only make

West, "Feminism is the radical notion that women are people." It is frustrating and nearly heartbreaking to hear people tell me that "the problem with feminists is that they think they're better than men." That's not the case at all; the very basic of feminism is set on equality and rarely does it ever go beyond that.

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eighteen companies run by up 19% of the world's parliamentary seats, and the unfair jury of politicians are dictating what a woman can and cannot do with their bodies, shutting down women's rights to vital healthcare and choice.

I'm a feminist not because I think women are better than men or because I am a girl (men can be feminists, too! After all, I want men to have rights too.). I am a feminist because feminism gives me a base from which to work towards an equal society. I am a feminist because when I enter the workforce, I want to be hired for my skills, not to fill a quota, and I want to be considered for every raise and promotion my work entitles me to. I am a feminist because once spray keychains are churned out in hot pink be-



cause there's a demanding market of fearful women ready to buy them. I am a feminist because of the phrase "not bad for a girl". I am a feminist for many more reasons, and all can be summed up in my desire for equality. And I think you're a feminist, too. After all, shouldn't 51% of the world's population be treated equally as the other 49%?

Note: the editors would like to remind our readers that opinion articles should be taken as such and do not necessarily reflect our opinion as a paper.

Long Distance Relationships Steffi Mahabir DAG WRITER

One thing that has come to my attention lately is the number of long distance relationships between young people. A long distance relationship (or an LDR) is defined as an intimate relationship that takes place when the partners are separated by a considerable distance. The question is what can be a "considerable distance" to have a relationship with someone? With the amount of people going to university and leaving home to focus on their education, I know that there are quite a few people in LDRs, even here at Augustana. Here are some tips on how to survive in an LDR and how to know if you can do one.

Should I or Shouldn't I?

One of the first things you need to do before going into an LDR is to assess the situation. You need to be realistic with yourself and ask the hard questions. Can it work?

How often will I see this person? Will I have time to fit this person into my schedule? How am I going to communicate with them? This part is all about the reality of the relationship, because as much as you might love this person, sometimes obstacles in both of your lives may prevent you from being with each other. If you can see these problems early on and deal with them, you may save each other from heartbreak later on down the road.

Communication

If you have assessed the situation and have decided to enter into an LDR, one of the main things you have to focus on is communication. If the person lives very far away and

but now there are many ways to get in contact with someone. Instant messaging applications, Facebook, and Skype have made it possible to stay in constant contact with someone no matter where they are. Plan Skype dates or "us" time where you both sit and talk to each other with no interruptions. While texting is always easy to do, being in an LDR [prevents you from] seeing the other person whenever you want, so always video chat when you have the chance. Make a schedule and stick to it [as well as you can] because having time for each other is what can make or break a relationship in this situation.

Can you trust them?

If you are in a long distance relationship that has lasted longer than a year then you deserve an award of some kind. To be able to trust someone you [can't see] everyday is one of the most difficult things you may do in your life. Trust plays an important role [in a relationship] and in an LDR, you have to trust that this person is honest about what they are doing and who they are seeing.

My cousin once dated a person who was in Toronto while she was in Calgary, and it wasn't until they broke up that she learned he had fathered a child and had been to jail while she was with him! I strongly suggest that you make sure you know this person even better than you know yourself and that you make sure you can fully trust them before falling head over heels. You should always look for warning

signs early on in the relationship. Some signs to look for is how they act in front of other people when you are talking, how quick they text you back especially if you know they aren't busy (yes guys, we pay attention to this!). Always remember to protect your heart at the end of the day.

Is it time to end it?

You know the saying, "Nothing lasts forever?" In an LDR, things can become very tense and people sometimes lose interest in each other with no fault to their own. Some couples try very hard but sometimes life has better things in store for you and it may be time to let it go.

Ending an LDR can be very hard if one of you is still trying to make the relationship work. DON'T BE THIS PERSON. Be realistic and know when it's time to call it quits. There will be signs, so don't be afraid to come to terms with them. Being the person who tries too hard to hold on makes it hurt much more at the end. You end up blaming yourself for the break up and it may not be only your fault.

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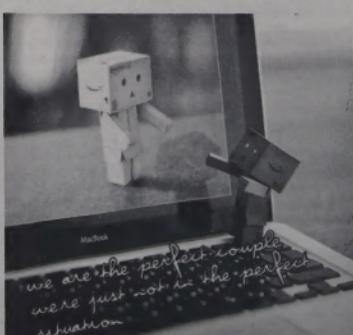
time or situation to let the person you loved(know) that you want to leave. Tell them your feelings, point out the situation and hope they take it in the best way possible. Once your feelings are out on the table, they really can't do anything else but accept them. As hard as it would be for them to hear what you have to say, they would have to end it as well. Break ups are never easy but eventually you will get through

it and the experience will make you stronger as a person.

Being in an LDR is very stressful but allows you to know someone on a completely different scale and helps you love someone for who they are. It changes your outlook on many different aspects and gives you a chance to develop a relationship with less sexual interactions than most couples have.

I would never discourage anyone from entering into an LDR but I would caution them as much as I can because the level of disappointment and hurt is much greater in these situations. Learn to listen to your brain first and heart second because no matter how many feelings you may have for this person there could be a reason why they're away from you. Not everyone you fall in love with is meant to stay in your life. I know of couples who have been long distance for years and end up getting married. One mistake young people make is that we think we are capable of taking challenges no matter what because we think we can handle it.

An LDR is not for everyone and you need to learn this very early on before you cause someone unnecessary pain and make yourself feel like a horrible person. A relationship should always be fun no matter what the distance, and each one has its own drama and ups and downs so always make sure that you remember to enjoy it while it lasts!



Pitch Perfect: An "A-ca-Awesome" Performance

Tonya Simpson DAG WRITER

Director Jason Moore's excitement and opportunities Pitch Perfect (2012) could be that college life has to offer. It's a Friday After a month [passes], her flick that uses humour and a father instructs her that she collection of eccentric and extreme characters to address make an effort to enjoy her many issues freshmen students may encounter. When Beca (played by Anna Kendrick) reluctantly begins her first year at Barden University, she finds herself dreading not only her classes, but also the intricate college society complete with the typical jocks, nerds, preps and pessimists, such as her own roommate.

Kendrick makes the successful switch from portraying the traditional ditzy and popular roles she has had in other movies to a reserved introvert in Moore's [motion] picture. Using stereotypical characters and strategic foils, Moore successfully introduces a society to which the audience can easily relate.

However easy this may be for the audience, this is a struggle for Beca. Wanting nothing more than her own space and to be a professional DJ sharing her musical talent, Beca shuts herself out from the

eyes on him. Can Beca resist Jesse, the kind of guy who every girl wants?

Not only does Pitch Perfect have a crew of relatable yet memorable characters, the film is as exciting to listen to as it is to watch. The soundtrack is exciting, popular among the general audience, and entirely engaging. Complete with non-stop laughs, hilarious quotes and a story of triumph, self-discovery and finding joy, this romantic comedy is sure to make even the toughest of skins have a hysterical time. I do not possess much musical talent myself, yet at every a capella performance I could not keep my feet from tapping along to the groovy beats of singing along. If you are planning to see this musical show, be prepared to find yourself part of a very active audience and fighting the temptation to stand up and get your groove on!

Without a doubt, this film pops three kernels of popcorn out of five!

For Immediate Release:

The Pack A.D. Bring Punk to Camrose

Robyn Sheremeta DAG EDITOR

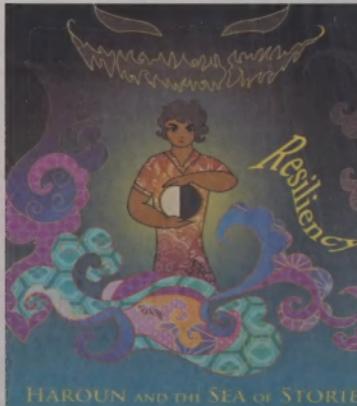
Nov. 17, 2012, 8:00 PM — Rose City Roots Music Society will be reminded of The Black Keys, Tegan and Sara, Death From Above 1979, and The Strokes. The Pack A.D. combines the best of all of the above in a convenient, two-woman garage-band package.

Since they signed with Mint Records in 2008, guitarist/vocalist Becky Black and drummer Maya Miller have been recording and performing nonstop. They've released four records to date and have toured both North America and Europe. The duo is sharing music from their 2011 album *Unpersons*. Camrose is the penultimate stop on this country trek.

Black and Miller's musical stylings pack a potent punch of in-your-face aggressive riffs and plenty of hollow share beats that perfectly accompany the defiant rock n' roll vocals. Although The Pack A.D. are frequently likened to The White Stripes, Meg White's timekeeping pales in comparison to Miller's, mostly

because of her easy stage presence and enthusiasm. Expect to be reminded of The Black Keys, Tegan and Sara, Death From Above 1979, and The Strokes. The Pack A.D. combines the best of all of the above in a convenient, two-woman garage-band package. The Pack A.D.'s presence at Scalliwags will be a refreshing change of pace for Rose City Roots, which usually features alternative folk or blues acts [don't be misled though! They're also great]. The Pack A.D. will surely satisfy the tastes of Camrose's young adult music scene, so at \$10 for a student ticket (and \$20 for mere plebeians), it's a show that shouldn't be passed up.

Tickets are available in advance at Candler Art Gallery, as well as at the door. Visit www.thepackad.com and listen to "Sirens" and "Haunt You" (from *Unpersons*) to get revved up for another stellar night, thanks to Rose City Roots.



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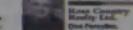
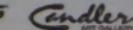
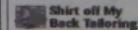
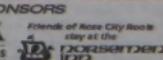
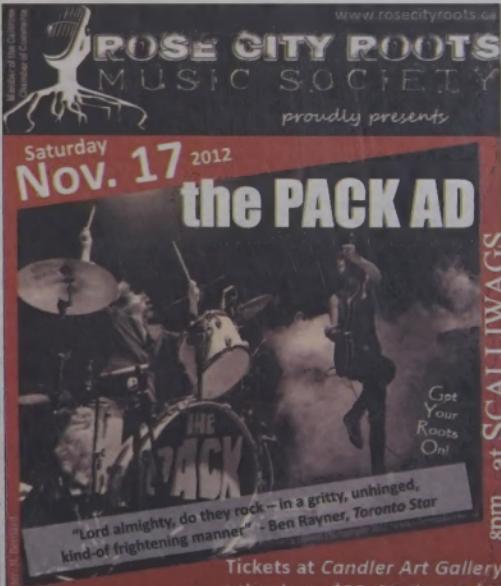
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To Pipeline, or Not to Pipeline? Brittany Lehman DAG WRITER

The Northern Gateway Pipeline proposal by Enbridge has been a hot topic these days. The proposal is to construct twin petroleum product pipelines 1,170 kilometers long between Bruderheim (just north of Edmonton) and Kitimat, British Columbia. An average of 525,000 barrels of petroleum will flow per day, while approximately 193,000 barrels of condensate (a product used to thin petroleum products for pipeline transport) would make its way east. The pipeline will be buried up to a meter underground, although portions of the pipeline would be above water crossings where it is safer to do so. The oil will be sent to Asia to be refined, thus strengthening ties with Asian companies and creating new markets for energy trade.

Enbridge estimates that the project will provide about 1,150 long-term jobs operating the pipelines and the marine terminal, and thousands of on-site employment opportunities during the construction phase. In total it is estimated that 907,067 direct and indirect jobs will be created from the construction phase through 2048. Local, provincial, and federal government tax revenues are approximated to reach \$2.6 billion over the first 30 years of pipeline operation.

\$36 million per year will be paid by Northern Gateway as local property taxes. Businesses in and around the proposed pipeline area will benefit by being the providers of services, supplies, and materials to the project; this will encourage local business' growth and development.

Enbridge also states that they have rigorous safety protocols to prevent and/or quickly fix any leaks or spills. There will be electronic monitoring 24/7 from their control center to detect any leaks or breaches. Safety control valves and leak detection systems will also be in place. Enbridge states that they employ the highest worldwide safety and navigational standards. Northern Lights is participating in a voluntary assessment called INTERPOL administered by Transport Canada; this evaluates marine terminal operations, vessel routing, and other important marine safety issues. Part of this was a voluntary Quantitative Risk Assessment which calculates risks associated with the marine portion of the pipeline.

Enbridge has been discussing plans with Aboriginal and Native American people throughout this process, as the proposed pipeline will cross many of their territories. Enbridge states that they are

committed to working with business groups to create partnerships and to incorporate traditional knowledge in their route planning while respecting the history, uniqueness, and diversity of these peoples. They also state that they are exploring the possibility of partial pipeline ownership with Aboriginal and Native American groups, as well as opportunities for employment, skills development, and any other opportunities which may present themselves.

This sounds lovely, but what about the 610 spills on Cambridge's record? From 1999-2008 they released approximately 132,000 barrels of hy-

carbons into the environment. Each of these spills is reported to have had "off-site" impacts in the surrounding areas. In 2009, Enbridge paid \$1.1 million to the state of Wisconsin to settle a lawsuit for 15 environmental violations. There was another oil spill southeast of Fort McMurray in 2009, again in Manitoba in 2010, and in July of 2010, an estimated 4 million liters of crude oil were spilled into Michigan's Talmadge Creek which leads to the Kalamazoo

The construction, maintenance and possibility of riparia open up many environmental concerns. For instance, to

pipeline will cross approximately 1,000 rivers and streams, some of which are sensitive salmon spawning habitats. The Stuart River, Price River, Copper River, Murtle River, and the Salmon River. Metal pipelines age and corrode over time, which can lead to ruptures. In the mountainous regions where the pipeline will be built, there are increased risks of landslides which could also lead to ruptures and leaks. Any leakage of oil into the aforementioned mountain rivers could be devastating.

A labour group out of Edmonton warned that the proposed pipeline could cost thousands of high-paying refining jobs in Alberta; shipping the oil to Asia would mean a 5% reduction in local refinery and a loss of approximately 8,000 jobs. There is a fear that the current building boom in China regarding refineries and refinery capacity will lead to the eventual closing down of local refineries altogether; companies would have to purchase the refined crude product from China at a much higher cost than it would be if refined locally.

Which side of the fence are you on? Yes to the pipeline, or no? Log onto our Facebook page and answer our poll to join in the debate!

The Life and Travels of Augustana's Dr. Craig Peterson Tonya Simpson DAG WRITER

I recently met with Dr. Craig Peterson and gather some insight into the interesting life of an English professor. Due to limited page space, I chose his most interesting answers to share with you:

Tonya Simpson: Can you describe for us some of your ad-

Craig Peterson: The first time I went to Europe, I was 19 years old and except for some French food terms, spoke only English. My constant companion for [that] year was a book called *French Made Simple*, from which I learned such useful phrases as "Bonjour Monsieur Thibaut. Le soleil brille dans tout son éclat." I memorized set introductions to recite after knocking on the back doors of restaurants, hoping for work: "Bonjour. Je suis cuisinier; je viens du Canada; je voudrais travailler dans votre restaurant." The response was always the same: "Avez vous des papiers?" I had to be honest:

"Non." Usually, the door was slammed shut, but sometimes it widened and I would be gestured in. What a thrill.

I lived in an old, used Volkswagen van I bought for cheap in Amsterdam. After it broke down, I scored an old

Peugeot moped and toured the entire south coast of France, crossing the Pyrenees and coming purely by chance to a small city whose streets, as I puttered into town, became crowded with joyful, festive Spaniards carrying wineskins full of sangria that would erupt into stranger's mouths. Where was it? What was this place? I had no idea how to express these questions in a following. The crowds, came to a large building, in front of which stood a large statue whose imposing figure I immediately recognized as a Ernest Hemingway. I knew

then that I was in Pamplona during the festival of San Fermín – famed throughout the world for its “Running of the bulls.” The one time I was so brave enough to be allowed to run, I ran like a terrified ostrich and entered the building well ahead of any danger, though of course I could then strut proudly as one who had run with the bulls.

S: Why did you decide to come back to Alberta?

portunity. Oddly, I had spent my early years trying to escape Alberta, but the drive back here across the country suddenly opened my eyes to the beauty of the prairies. When I left the farmland of Manitoba and entered gloomy Ontario, the light became ethereal and the palette of majestic clouds against the deep blue sky and the wavy fields of golden wheat cast a spell on me and my heart melted from the beauty of it.

I thought this might be a missing sensation, but I still feel it. I still have a sense of adventure, but now I have a kind of sense of home.

What are you most proud
here at Augustana?
I am most proud of the
growth the Writing Centre. We
now have a peer-tutoring class,
which prepares students to
work as tutors in the writing
centre. I've also developed
writing workshops that are
more specialized and that I can
bring into classrooms to spe-
cifically address the writing
tasks requisite to individual
writing assignments. I think
this is an area that will help our
TSA.

What are your favourite hobbies?

Cooking and travelling are favourite hobbies. The two go hand in hand. Three years ago, I travelled with my daughter to Japan and became interested in learning [their] culture. Two summers ago, I remodelled my love for French cuisine by spending a month in Paris. Last summer, I spent a good deal of time in the province of Sichuan, China, and I'm currently spending my off hours drinking different varieties of Chinese tea and experiencing the tongue buzz-spice huajiao a.k.a. Sichuan pepper. In its uncooked state a mix of a single kernel or rather a whole will induce an incredibly intense sensation on your tongue that I can only describe as earthing. I'm having a lot of fun with it, and I discovered that if you add it and mix it with salt you use it to rim margaritas I serve and call lip buzzers. We are no harmlessly hobbies.

Who is your favourite author and why?
This is such a difficult question to answer. Vladimir Nabokov is one author whose books are rarely on my shelf as they are hard to find author that I know personally as my favourite, my hands-down choice would be the author of *Good to a Fault*, *Open Arms*, and *Little Shadows* — Marina Endicott. She is the real deal and she teaches creative writing at my favourite school.

				1 SCORE! Hockey vs. NAIT Volleyball vs. NAIT	2 Chapel Fracking in AB Basketball vs. SAIT	3 Fracking in AB Basketball vs. Olds	ASA Notes - Oct. 17 Kelly Milne DAG EDITOR PRESNTATION Greg from Athletics: they want to offer more things for students like Vikings Crew. The old weight room is now kinesiology resistance training, but could make room for yoga, Zumba and pilates classes. New flooring is being installed, then paint, and then they will update safety exits. Funding will not come from tuition, and classes will be cheaper than Fitness Centre. There is talk that one can book the space by defining use and safety protocols. It is not going to be a work-out centre, because of health code issues. He invited students to drop by his office to discuss.
4 Recital: Dykstra & Watt, piano	5 Chapel	6 Soup Supper	7 Chapel Waste Sort	8	9 Remembrance Day Service Chapel Recital: Briere, piano Hockey vs. Keyano	10 Masterclass: Briere Hockey vs. Keyano	REPORTS James—2.15% tuition increase effective Sept 2013= \$113 over two semesters; adjusting for inflation.
11	12 Chapel Movember T-shirt Sales	13 Soup Supper	14 Chapel	15 Deadline: Study Abroad in China Lunch & Learn Muze Play: Haroun Movember Concert	16 Chapel Play: Haroun RGR: The Pack A.D. Bailey Fall Fundraiser Basketball vs. RDC	17 Play: Haroun RGR: The Pack A.D. Bailey Fall Fundraiser Basketball vs. RDC	Nathan—wants to use screen and AVC to engage more people. Planned pumpkin carving, Welcome Week in Jan, potential North-Campus Anti-Freeze, Formal planning soon. Kelsie—Movember, Remembrance Day, Tricks for Eats, Wellness Week Nana—wants to advertise discounts, did interviews for single parent scholarship
18	19 Chapel	20 Soup Supper Sustainapalo oza	21 Chapel ASA Annual General Meeting	22 Play: Haroun	23 Deadline: SU awards Preview day Chapel Recital: MunchMusic Play: Haroun Hockey vs. Concordia	24 Play: Haroun Basketball vs. NAIT	Naomi—attended committee meetings, disappointing popcorn turnout, Annual General Meeting Nov 22 in Epp Room, building discussion soon, council pictures next meeting Carlo—changed office hours - just MW; met the Dean about PAC, sustainability, and student expansion program, began one-on-one's with councillors, referral help from previous ASA execs.
25 Dag submission deadline RCG: Alpha Yaya Diallo	26 Resilience Faculty Colloquium Chapel Wellness Week	27 Soup Supper Wellness Week	28 Resilience: Thomas Homer-Dixon Chapel Wellness Week	29 Wellness Week	30 Chapel Wellness Week Volleyball vs. MHC	1 Hockey vs. Portage Volleyball vs. MHC	Carlo—changed office hours - just MW; met the Dean about PAC, sustainability, and student expansion program, began one-on-one's with councillors, referral help from previous ASA execs. ACTION ITEMS Club budgets: approved \$6600 for 23 clubs. Increased funding based on years; policy is online. Asian, Science and German are the biggest. Next year, clubs might run smaller events Budget analysis: auditors difficulty tracing money movement, potential Augustana-based leadership award. Increased Dag editor bursary DISCUSSION Rixt—“Bailey Bailout” concert with Ten Second Epic. Approved providing liquor on January 12 Carlo—wants more ideas proposed via a paper-trail QUESTIONS

Augustana's Composter: Fertilizing for a Sustainable Future

Tia Lalani DAG WRITER

Now, I know many of metrics tonnes of organic you are aware of composting, waste yearly, which is recycled simply because of those signs plastered on the garbage bins in the campus is organic (Fall 2009 cafeteria as you dump your Waste Audit) which can be plates and rush off to class, but take a minute here to check out how important this composter is, and another two to sort your plate and do something positive for the environment.

Augustana does its best to be considered a green campus, and the implementation of the relatively new composter is helping us achieve that goal.

In September of 2011, Augustana was granted, through a Sustainability Enhancement Fund from the U of A, money to purchase the Biowater composter developed by Nioex Systems, now used on campus—recycling waste never sounded so cool. Brought to us by the Composting Committee, consisting of former dean Roger Epp, Sustainability Coordinator Candice Tremblay, and a handful of environmentally conscious staff and faculty, the composter helps reduce the amount of waste our cafeteria sends to the landfill.

According to Organic Waste Weights from Fall 2012, our cafeteria alone creates 20

percent of all the food waste on campus in composting, think of all the hard work it takes to properly run and manage a composter on campus. Morgan Specht, Augustana's Composting Assistant says,

“Currently we are climbing a learning curve to determine proper aeration, moisture content, oxygen level, and carbon/organic ratios to develop a healthy living environment for creating a usable compost”.

This composter not only recycles and reduces the amount of waste the cafeteria sends to the landfill, but also represents Augustana's commitment to sustainable living. Specht notes the positive impact of the composter, as it

“creates a sense of responsibility and community among the staff and students at Augustana, when

everyone participates and contamination, which will lead to the proper function and maintenance of this addition to off campus”.

Specht also helps to properly run and feed protocols for the system, as well as setting up CSL placements for the ENV 120 Waste Sort Group and Waste Diversion Outreach Group, which increases knowledge and experiential learning regarding waste management. Over the next year, the Green Campus committee hopes to increase awareness through informational signs, and achieve an eventual campus-wide expansion of composting at Augustana.

Students should be aware of the composter here at Augustana, so I urge all of you to take part in the little things each of us can do to reduce our environmental impact. It only takes a little effort to determine what can and cannot be composted; simply check out the signs above the garbage cans in the cafeteria. Food waste and napkins can go into the composter, so you don't have to sort through your leftovers in order to be environmentally friendly. Understanding what can and cannot be composted will reduce

With that said, I'd also like to take a minute to talk about the recycling bins around campus. Over the last little while, the signs about what can and cannot go into the bins have gotten increasingly more pronounced, with good reason. If these bins are contaminated because the recyclable materials are placed in the wrong bin, the whole bag is sent to the landfill. Taking a few minutes out of your day to rinse any coffee cups or lids and place them in the recyclable paper and plastic material bin instead of the beverage container bin will reduce the amount of waste that is simply garbage.

With all of the time and effort it has taken to get a composter on campus, a little extra effort from the students will go a long way in making our campus an even more environmentally friendly place. Also, be sure to check out the Waste Sort, being held in Faith and Life and the forum on November 7th, to learn more about our campus's waste, and how to become more involved with environmental sustainability!

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